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- 1. BETWEEN FEBRUARY 24 AND MARCH 28 UNHCR REFERRED 500 UGANDAN ASYLUM SEEKERS TO THE KENYAN GOVERNMENT FOR REFUGEE STATUS. FIFTY ADDITIONAL UGANDANS HAVE APPLIED DIRECTLY TO GOK FOR RESIDENCY. UNHCR REP KADRY ESTIMATES HIS OFFICE PROCESSES 20-35 APPLICATIONS A DAY, A SLIGHT DECREASE FROM SEVERAL WEEKS AGO.
- 2. EMBOFF QUERIED KADRY CONCERNING SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR UGANDANS FOR WORK PERMIT EXEMPTION (SEE PARA 3 REF A). UNDER EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY CHARTER UGANDANS UNCLASSIFIED

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AND TANZANIANS WORKING IN KENYA ARE AUTOMATICALLY EXEMPT FROM WORK PERMIT REQUIREMENT. ALTHOUGH THE EAC STILL TECHNICALLY EXISTS, MANY UGANDANS ARE BEING ASKED BY PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYERS FOR WORK PERMITS. IN THESE INSTANCES GOK WILL ISSUE ASYLUM SEEKERS WRITTEN WAIVERS.

3. TO MEET THE IMMEDIATE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF THIS

GROUP, UNHCR, WHICH TERMS THE CURRENT INFLUX OF UGANDANS AN EMERGENCY SITUATION, HAS REQUESTED UNHCR GENEVA'S AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND EDUCATION MONIES FOR THOSE UGANDANS STILL AWAITING REFUGEE STATUS. USUALLY THESE FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE ONLY TO GOK-RECOGNIZED REFUGEES.

4. ONE ACUTE PROBLEM YET TO BE SOLVED IS HOUSING. AS STATED REF B, HOUSING IN NAIROBI, WHERE MAJORITY OF REFUGEES RESIDE, IS SCARCE AND EXPENSIVE. UNHER IS ATTEMPTING TO DEAL WITH THIS SITUATION BUT IS HAVING LITTLE SUCCESS.

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